



434th Air Refueling Wing
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Fact Sheet

434th Air Refueling Wing Organizations

434th ARW Wing Staff

The 434th ARW Wing Staff provides supervisory guidance to the various organizations at Grissom ARB. It includes such offices as the command section, command post, comptroller, public affairs, safety, social actions, historian, chaplain, recruiting and judge advocate.

434th Operations Group

The 434th Operations Group is the channel through which the commander commits his KC-135 Stratotanker forces. The operations group commander is delegated the authority to supervise and direct the refueling squadrons assigned to the wing and is directly responsible for all KC-135 operational matters within the wing. Through the refueling squadron commanders, he supervises activities of the KC-135 Stratotanker combat-ready aircrews. This includes all operational and training functions and related day-to-day activities.

434th Operations Support Squadron

Eleven different areas make-up the 434th Operations Support Squadron whose main mission is to support the 434th Operations Group and the Wing's combat-ready KC-135 Stratotanker aircrews. Such activities as life support, mission development, operations training, tactics, flight management, operations plans and intelligence fall under the umbrella of the operations support squadron.

72nd Air Refueling Squadron

The 72nd Air Refueling Squadron is one of two flying units assigned to the 434th ARW. The mission of the 72nd ARS is to train and provide KC-135 Stratotanker aircrew members (pilots, copilots, and boom operators) in support of the Air Mobility Command and the aerial refueling mission. In a typical year, the squadron and its personnel will travel to numerous global destinations to carry out the KC-135 mission.

74th Air Refueling Squadron

Like their counterparts in the 72nd Air Refueling Squadron, the members of the 74th ARS operate throughout the United States and around the world in carrying out the aerial refueling mission. The 74th ARS is the second KC-135 squadron assigned to the 434th ARW and consists of highly qualified, combat ready aircrews.

434th Maintenance Group

The 434th Maintenance Group commander and his staff are responsible for aircraft maintenance oversight and a variety of on and off aircraft maintenance and support activities. Group responsibilities include avionics, fabrication, systems, jet propulsion, inspection, logistics management, maintenance control, maintenance supply, plans and scheduling, resource management, and ground support equipment.

434th Maintenance Operations Squadron

The 434th Maintenance Operations Squadron provides trained personnel in different functional areas to carry out program management in training, budget, facility, plans, deployments, analysis, aircraft scheduling, computer management, maintenance supply, and maintenance control activities.

434th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Getting aircraft ready to fly is the main mission of the aircraft maintenance squadron. Consisting of highly trained personnel, the squadron performs the daily launch and recovery of aircraft, provides organizational level maintenance, and renders support for cross-country and global missions as needed.

434th Mission Support Group

The support group has a variety of squadrons which provide vital support to the 434th Wing and its KC-135 aircraft. The group is the parent organization for such diverse units as the security police flight, communications squadron, logistics readiness flight, aerial port flight, contracting flight, and the civil engineer squadron.

434th Mission Support Squadron

The mission support squadron provides administrative support to the 434th Support Group. The support squadron includes such offices as personnel, career enhancement, training, and customer service.

434th Services Flight

The services flight is a combined civilian, base operating support, and military "Readiness in Base Services" function. The civilian side is responsible for the base gym, outdoor recreation, lodging, and the base club. The military portion performs services to the wing in all aspects of food services, field billeting, recreation and mortuary affairs when deployed to another location other than Grissom ARB. Additionally, the military side performs morale, welfare, and recreation functions during monthly Unit Training Assemblies. RIBS has the capability to perform service functions on a "bare base," bringing all equipment and supplies required to feed a deployed force.

434th Security Forces Squadron

The Security Forces Squadron provides peace and wartime force protection to installation and deployed personnel and weapon systems against hostile forces and sabotage. This squadron is trained and equipped for deployment worldwide to bare base operations with minimum notice.

434th Civil Engineer Squadron

Providing a civil engineering force capable of deploying anywhere in the world at a moments notice is all a part of the civil engineering squadron's mission. The ability to provide support at other air force bases or "bare bones" deployment sites is what makes its mission unique. Throughout the years, the squadron has deployed to numerous locations throughout the world to work on various construction projects which have benefited both the Air Force and civilian communities.

434th Communications Squadron

The 434th Communications Squadron's mission is to provide organic initial communications capability for Air Force Reserve Command flying squadrons. The unit is equipped and trained to provide worldwide 24-hour limited communications through deployment, installation, maintenance, and operation of ground based HF, UHF/VHF radios, airborne AF Mission Support Systems, Land Mobile Radios, telephone switching networks, small computer maintenance and secure communications. It also provides Information Management and Visual Information services.

434th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

The mission of the medical squadron is to provide the medical, aeromedical and environmental health support to insure all members of the wing are qualified for worldwide duty. It also conducts an aggressive medical training program with emphasis on health care delivery, medical readiness and support operations.

434th Operational Contracting Flight

The Operational Contracting Flight is responsible for managing the acquisition process for the 434th Air Refueling Wing, to include the planning and execution of all facets of the local purchase program. The Contracting Flight provides first-line logistical support by acquiring supplies and services not provided, nor available, through other means. It has the tasking of being the primary interface between the government and civilian contractors to ensure the numerous Congressional Acts, Public Laws, and Federal Regulations are followed, while still maintaining the integrity of the Government and the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

49th Aerial Port Flight

The Aerial Port Flight process air cargo, loads and unloads aircraft, performs joint inspection of cargo and equipment presented for air transportation, supervises mobility load teams, executes engine running on-loads/off-loads, and plans cargo loads for air transportation. The functions of the Aerial Port are supported through the Air Freight Cargo and Ramp Services, and the Air Terminal Operations and Special Handling Sections.

434th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The 434th Logistics Readiness Squadron provides essential logistical management and support to the 434th Air Refueling Wing. The squadron consists of Readiness, Distribution and Transportation Management, Management and Systems, and Fuels Management. The squadron manages the wing's deployment capability, aerospace expeditionary force management, war reserve material and support agreements. Stores, issues and requisitions supplies, equipment and fuel products for ground and flying activities. Maintains, operates and manages the vehicle fleet and aircraft spares inventory.

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